

Blake House
116 South Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-414
Mid Nineteenth Century

With a front gable not as steeply pitched as those of the other two South Street cottages, the Blake House more closely resembles other Easton dwellings of the period. Also, two stories in height, there is a double round arch window in the attic and the gable is edged with wooden ornament cutout in a heart motif. This brick house is identical to the building at 506 Goldsborough Street.

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T-414

Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Blake House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

116 South Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Jeannette E. and John Blake Jr.

Telephone #: 301-822-4820

STREET & NUMBER

116 South Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 440

Folio #: 149

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This brick dwelling stands on South Street facing north. It is the westernmost of a group of three two-story brick dwellings which have similar form and detailing.

The structure is three bays wide and two bays deep. It is covered by a ninety degree gable roof which is situated with the gable end to the street. The structure is two stories in height with an attic. To the rear is a one-and-a-half story ell covered with a ninety degree gable roof. The bright orange brick is laid in common bond; smooth surfaced brick is used on the facade with common brick at the sides.

Evenly spaced windows openings on the front facade have six over six sashes held by plain undecorated frames. There is a small double round-arch window in the attic. Window lintels and sills are flat and unmolded, of wood. Green, louvered shutters are used.

The main entrance is in the west bay. A transom light with five clear glass lights is used; sidelights have two panes with molded panels below. The door itself has four panels.

A one-story porch is found across the front facade; its hipped roof is covered with raised seam metal and supported by round columns resembling simplified Roman Doric columns.

The roof edging is flat, cut-out in a modified heart motif.

The main entrance leads to the stair hall. There is one room to the east side of the hall. The dining room is found to the rear of the living room and behind the stair hall. Contrary to most side-hall plans in Easton this room occupies the entire width of the building, and the rear half of the first floor.

To the rear of the dining room is the kitchen located in the first floor of the rear ell. A small enclosed service stair in the north east corner of this room leads to the upper floor. There is an exterior side porch.

The fireplace in the dining room has been removed; the mantle shelf remains in place its only ornament being the lacey cast iron brackets. Other interior details remain with few alterations. Window and door surrounds are flat and unmolded. Floors are covered with narrow, four and a half inch, pine. The small rooms have low ceilings. Three bedrooms are located on the second floor.

9 The structure is well maintained and has been altered very little since constructed. It serves its owner as a comfortable dwelling. This building is identical in form and detail with #506 Goldsborough (T-439).

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Mid Nineteenth Century BUILDER/ARCHITECT I. Newton Elston

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The structure is one of three South Street cottages which have been attributed to Richard Upjohn. The attribution has not been confirmed; however, as a group these buildings are unique in the town. This structure, like #120 South Street has a side hall plan which is unusual in that the dining room runs across the rear of the house behind the stair hall. Other details of this structure resemble those seen at #118 and #120 South Street, especially the unmolded interior window and door trim, the bright orange, smooth surfaces brick of the front facade, and the use of roof edging decorated with cut-outs.

The group has a unity and picturesque quality which contributes to the town and the neighborhood.

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L354/F449

L86/F375

John Blake Jr. and his wife Jeanette bought this house and lot in 1969 from Pauline Smith. They paid \$6500.00 for a 40 foot frontage on the south side of South Street, with a depth of 103 feet. Pauline Smith had bought it in 1959 from the heirs of William Chaffinch who had purchased it in 1879 for \$1400.00 from I. Newton Elston and his wife Margaret. Mr. Elston took title to the land in 1874, being a portion of the lot that William Bostwick had sold to Annie R. Trippe.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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CITY OR TOWN

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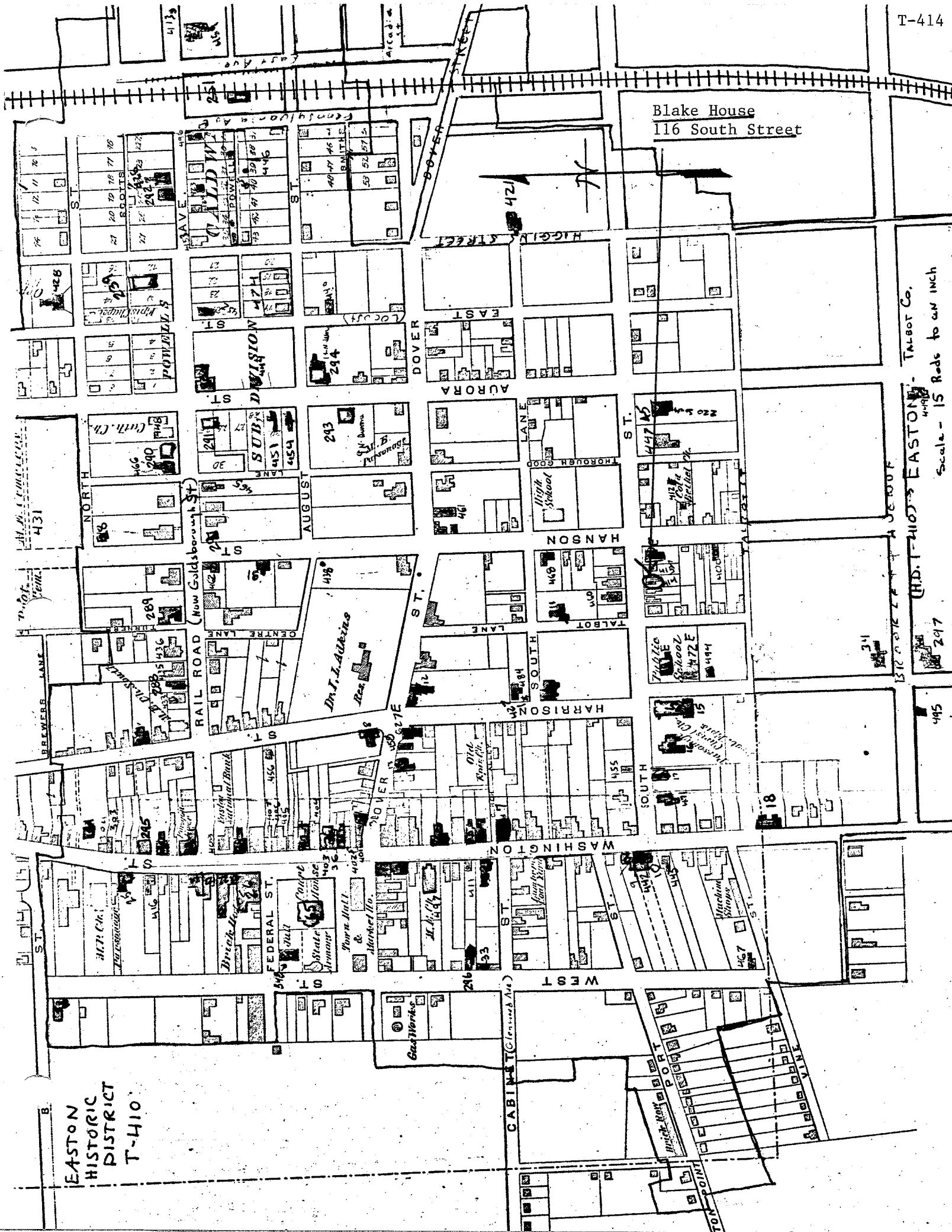
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Maryland 21601

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EASTON
HISTORIC
DISTRICT
T-410

Blake House
116 South Street

Talbot Co.
Scale - 15 Rods to an inch

(H.D. T-410) EASTON

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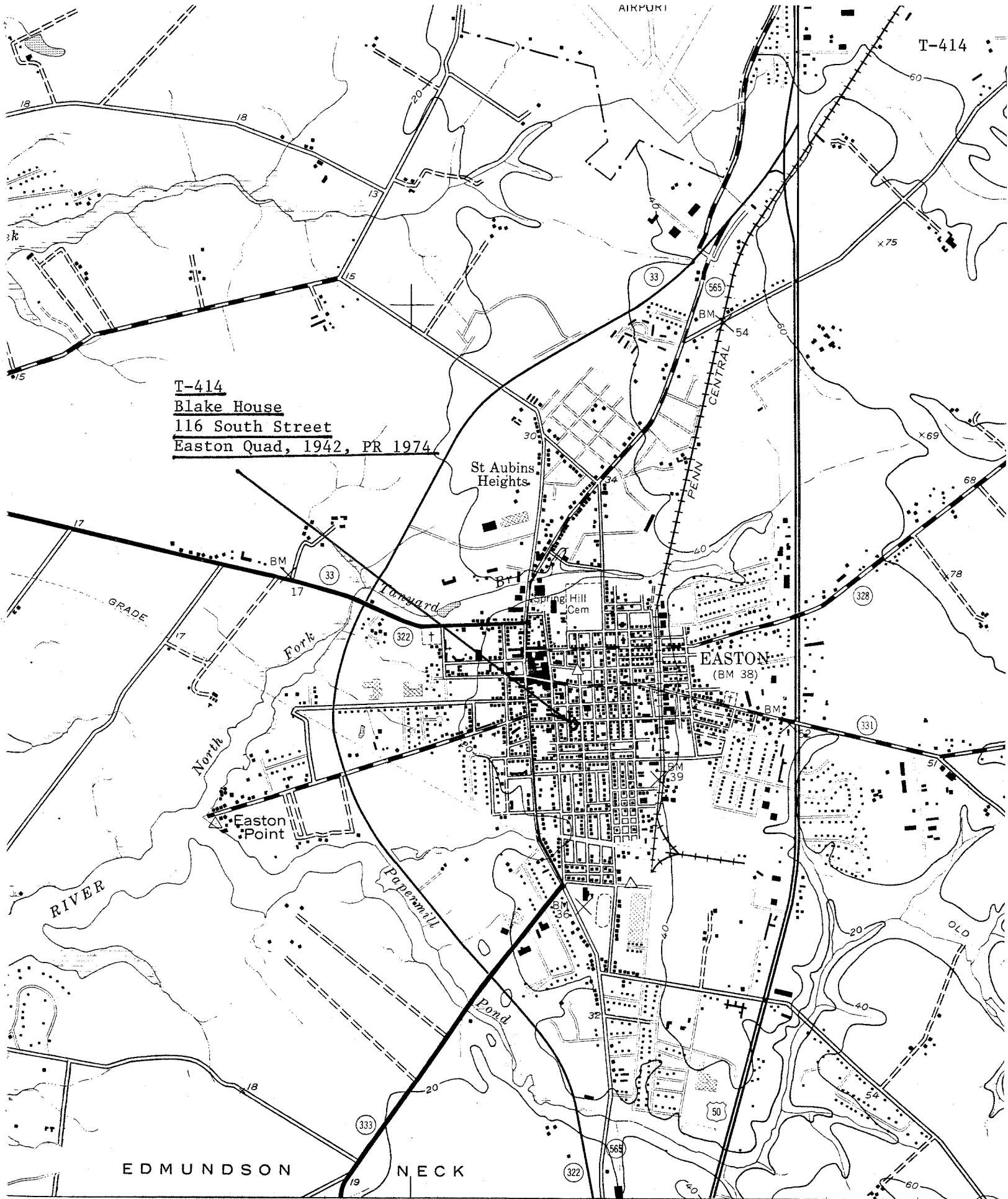
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116 South Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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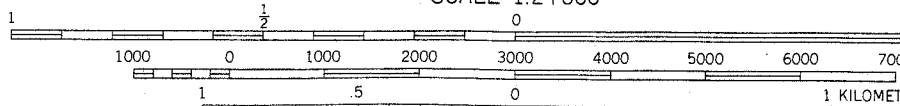
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116 SOUTH STREET

EASTON, MD.

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NORTH ELEVATION

July 1976

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